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SUBJECT: Goma Report September 27: Trouble
Brewing in Nyanzale Again

1. (SBU) Summary: After the FARDC's sweep into CNDP territory in the northern sector, CNDP has responded with a move back toward Nyanzale. FARDC continues to hold the key CNDP town of Tongo, but has partially withdrawn from the Rutshuru zone of separation. End Summary.

2. (SBU) On September 27, according to North Kivu brigade briefer, local FARDC commanders in Nyanzale said that an "all-out war" with CNDP was brewing, and they told NGOs to leave Nyanzale. (Nyanzale was briefly occupied by CNDP during its northward thrust September 5-11.) FARDC has withdrawn from Katsiru (FARDC's base close to CNDP), and CNDP has occupied Katsiru as well as points north of it well into FARDC terrain. North Kivu brigade, which has a base in Nyanzale, has witnessed a substantial build-up of FARDC there. CNDP officers around Katsiru have refused to talk with North Kivu brigade. CNDP claims to have "chased" FARDC back to Nyanzale.

3. (SBU) FARDC continues to hold the strategic CNDP town of Tongo (on the escarpment overlooking the Rutshuru plain from the west), having reinforced it from Rutshuru. North Kivu has verified that the populace of Kabizo, to the north of Tongo, which was taken by FARDC on September 25 and retaken by CNDP September 26, has entirely fled toward the west.

4. (SBU) North Kivu brigade confirms that FARDC has withdrawn from its forward position at Mutabo all the way back to Kiningi (near Rutshuru). It has also withdrawn from Ntamugenga, but only a short distance and not all the way out of the zone of separation. MONUC is continuing its efforts to persuade local CNDP officers in the Rutshuru area to participate in withdrawals. These CNDP officers claim to be amenable, in principle, to further CNDP withdrawals, but say they must refer to their command on all specific details.

5. (SBU) CNDP claims that FARDC, with FDLR and Mai Mai, are poised for an attack on Ngungu from the south. MONUC has no such information, and helicoptered a team of NGOs to Ngungu earlier in the day.

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